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OPP says there can be expanded role for volunteers

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Community police support associations could and should have an expanded role in Haliburton County – as long as they follow a few ground rules, says the man in charge of OPP detachments in Central Ontario.

"It's incumbent on all of us to work together with (Minden-Coboconk OPP Staff Sgt. Andy Millar) and start improving the service we can deliver," Bill Hutton told the mixed crowd of community police volunteers, OPP officers and the two local newspapers.

Hutton said volunteers may be able to expand their role as a way of taking the strain off police and maintaining a keen interest in community policing.

For instance, when an officer warns a driver that he or she must have a headlight repaired in 24 hours, that driver now has to drive to the nearest OPP detachment. By making better use of volunteers, the driver could instead go to the nearest community police office.

One volunteer with experience in Firearms Acquisition Certificate training said he and other volunteers would also be willing to help with the mound of FAC paperwork.

Hutton welcomed suggestions, such as volunteers performing light office duties on Saturday mornings at community police offices or even the main Minden office. Basically, if people want to help, he'll be more than willing to put them to work.

"Let's look at new ways we can do things," he told the audience of 50. "If we try something and we fail, Andy knows I won't be on the phone yelling at him. At least we tried..."

"How can (volunteers) work more efficiently and effectively with the OPP, but more importantly, how can we work with you to get the job done?"

"This is exactly what we've

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That's what friends are for...

The first day of school can make a kid pretty nervous. But finding a friend takes all your fears away. Kylie Boulton and Courtney Barnum give each other a kiss when they meet again at the playground of Victoria Street School on Tuesday while Daniel Sisson, above, seemed pretty sad before one of his friends arrived on the bus. Many parents were all smiles on the first day of a brand new school year.



Nurses to work night shift in Minden after all

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Minden Hospital has had to modify its plans to provide 24-hour emergency coverage this fall by having ambulance attendants work out of the site.

After a meeting on Thursday with various unions and representatives from ambulance services, the hospital will now hire a nurse to work alongside the doctors during the 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. shift.

Previously, the hospital, which is owned by Haliburton

Highlands Health Services, had hoped to save money by having the attendants work out of the hospital so that a nurse would only be called in if the need arose.

"The parties all agreed that the objectives of the proposal had merit, but that there were significant implications to the arrangement that would have contravened various collective agreements and which, therefore, required further discussion," says a press release issued Friday. "Everyone was prepared to explore other possibilities in a

timely fashion."

The various groups represented at Thursday's meeting were ambulance services, the Ontario Nurses Association, CUPE and the HHHS. The Ministry of Health and local ambulance personnel were supportive of the first proposal which would have saved the hospital money by cutting back on nursing wages. However, if a nurse had to be called in by the doctor, the cost could have been \$350 so the HHHS was aware the cost savings may not be as much as expected.

Because the hospital was budgeted to revert back to 12-hour service after Labour Day, the HHHS says "offsetting reductions in cost will have to be found in order to achieve and maintain this level of service." It's not known where those cost savings will be realized.

HHSS has committed itself to the present 24-hour coverage using one doctor and one nurse until at least Thanksgiving, when costs and level of service will be evaluated.

There still is the possibility of

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perennial plant sale on Tuesday, Sept. 10 as a fundraiser. Gardeners can buy some great plants to put in their gardens this fall and they can help CHACE by donating some plants for the sale, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Haliburton CHACE Place (lower level of the Halco Plaza.) For more information call Abby at 457-2989 or Emma at 457-2506.

Peterborough and District Head Injury Association will be hosting a fundraising bbq on Sept. 13 at Riverside Glassworks, 294 Rink St. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Immediately following at the association's office at 247 Hunter Street West is a reception for Barry the Bike Man, who is undertaking an 800 km fundraising bicycle tour.

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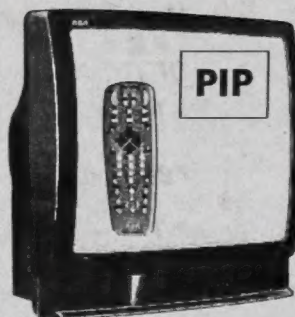
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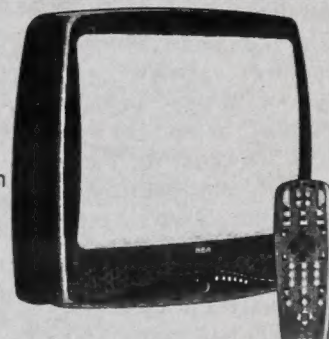


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School board won't detour on busing

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Hundreds of students did something early this morning they've never had to do before in the Highlands — they walked part-way to school.

And this afternoon, following their first day back at classes, they'll retrace their footsteps home along pathways that are sure to become well-worn by the end of the school year.

A new cost-cutting policy of the Haliburton County Board of Education that requires students to walk up to two kilometres (1.2 miles) to meet their buses went into a effect today.

Trustees approved the measure last April during budget deliberations in a bid to save roughly \$200,000 annually.

But dozens of parents fear the board is putting cost-savings ahead of the safety of their children.

During the summer, the board office received 14 letters from parents asking the board to reconsider the new policy, including a petition with 41 signatures.

Many others phoned the board office with their concerns, said superintendent of businesses administration Jim Bradley.

But last Tuesday night trustees stuck to their earlier decision, making no changes to the policy to appease the upset parents.

Primarily, the parents are worried that:

- their children may be endangered by traffic while walking along busy roads, most of them without sidewalks;

- children will have to leave very early in the morning to make it to their bus pick-up points and will return late in the afternoon;

- during the winter, children will have to walk long distances in the dark and extreme cold;

- unsupervised children walking along isolated roads could be easy prey for abductors and wild animals, such as bears and wolves;

"In the good old days kids walked to school for miles in all kinds of weather. But the good old days did not have cars and trucks and plows that can kill a deer, let alone a child," Lise Ainsley wrote in her letter to the board.

Ainsley asked trustees to consider a compromise, requiring children to walk to bus pick-up points during the fall and spring, but picking them up at their homes during months when there is snow on the ground.

"I fully appreciate the budget situation, but the safety of our kids should be the first and utmost priority," she said.

In her letter, which she also sent to a local newspaper, Tracy Cole of Minden complains the new policy has left her scrambling to find ways to see that her six-year-



BACK TO ROUTINE: On the first day of school, these three boys quickly became accustomed to following the rules as they waited in line before filing into their new classroom at Victoria Street School. Danny Van Nood, Paul Griffin and

Cody Hodgson also had no trouble getting accustomed to playing with all the friends they've missed during the summer. Everyone seemed to have no trouble having fun at school.

old daughter is supervised while walking to school.

"It really scares me to think what could happen to my child to and from school. I am a working mom and have no family or relatives and few friends in Minden. So what do I do now? My choices are to send my child to Haliburton (where I work) or give up my job. If I do give up my job I won't be able to own a home much less anything else."

Other parents objected to specific pick-up points the board has designated for their children to meet and depart their buses.

Robert and Kathy Daniels are worried about their children's safety as they walk the 1.8 kilometres along Highway 35 from their home to meet their bus at

Echo Bay Rd.

"The posted speed (limit) along Highway 35 is 80 km/h. However, in most cases, vehicles tend to travel at an even greater rate of speed. The fall/spring brings a very heavy flow of traffic into the area which makes walking on the shoulder of the highway treacherous. In the winter months the problem is compounded with the snow banks, forcing the children to walk near to the travelled portion of the highway closer to the flow of traffic," they write.

Business administrator Jim Bradley, who has been in charge of organizing the new bus routes, told trustees on Tuesday that he has changed some routes because of potential safety problems.

"There have been cases where we

modified our original (route) plan because of the safety of the bus, usually in terms of a provincial highway," he said.

Other pick-up points have been altered because some riders would've had to walk further than two kilometres or there was no place for the driver to turn the bus around.

Bradley said he's expecting some changes will need to be made once the system is up and running, but "overall it should run smoothly."

"Of course we won't know exactly how it will work until it's actually in practice," he said.

Considering roughly 400 families will be affected by the new busing policy, Bradley said relatively few people have expressed concerns about it.

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Bus driver's plight illustrates human cost of cuts

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The shiny black and yellow school bus Bryan Woods bought brand new last summer sits in his driveway, gathering dust.

He doesn't drive it anymore. But he's still making payments on it.

The \$60,000 investment he had hoped would secure his future now stands to drive him into financial ruin. He's worried he'll lose his Tory Hill home.

For the past decade, Woods was one of the few independent school bus drivers working for the Haliburton County Board of Education.

He drove a route between Tory Hill and Haliburton with his own bus. It was an old route, established more than 30 years ago. Woods bought the rights to it from the previous driver in the mid-80s.

But today the first day of the school year came and went, and Woods' new bus didn't budge an inch.

In mid-July he got the call from the school board office.

It was a combination of things. Funding cutbacks. Plus the new rule requiring kids to walk up to two kilometres to meet their school buses. Not to mention all the other buses driving in from out that way.

In the end, the board decided it would be better economically to cut Woods' route and divvy up

his riders among the other buses.

During his interview with *The Echo*, Woods is anxious not to stir up a confrontation with the board. He doesn't want to sound malicious. Prior to losing his route, the board always treated him well, he says. He simply wants to illustrate another side of the board's budget cuts.

He is a statistic of decisions school trustees made to cope with greatly reduced provincial funding without jacking up taxes substantially.

Just like the school children whose days will be made longer with two-kilometre walks along country roads in the early morning and late afternoon. And the parents who fear for their safety.

But for Woods, the result is more drastic. "I have nothing," he says. "I'm financially ruined. I have no job to go to."

Making matters worse, he has payments to make for the new bus until he figures out what to do with it.

Woods says he told the school board office last August he was contemplating buying a brand new bus because he couldn't find a good used one. Before he made the commitment to buy it, he says he asked if it looked as though his route was going to continue to exist.

He says the board's business administrator, Jim Bradley, told him that funding changes were likely on the horizon for the board, but the route appeared to

be safe.

Bradley doesn't remember the conversation, but doesn't doubt it happened.

But last year "the economic situation was very different than it is now," he says.

There are always changes and modifications being made to bus routes. The previous spring a different independent bus operator had his run cancelled, says Bradley.

In Woods' case, the number of riders on his bus — and the other three routes coming into Haliburton from that area — had declined slightly because of a change in demographics, he says.

With route changes because of the board's new two-kilometre walk rule, trustees saw an opportunity to combine the runs and eliminate a bus, saving roughly \$40,000 annually.

And, unfortunately, that leaves Woods in his present position — with a one-year-old bus sitting idle in his driveway and no job.

"This is another sign of the human suffering of the tough economic times we're in," says Bradley. "He's a victim of economic circumstances."

Woods feels the board could've handled the situation differently, keeping his route and making savings in other areas of the transportation budget.

He says the board could save money by cancelling the late bus from the high school.

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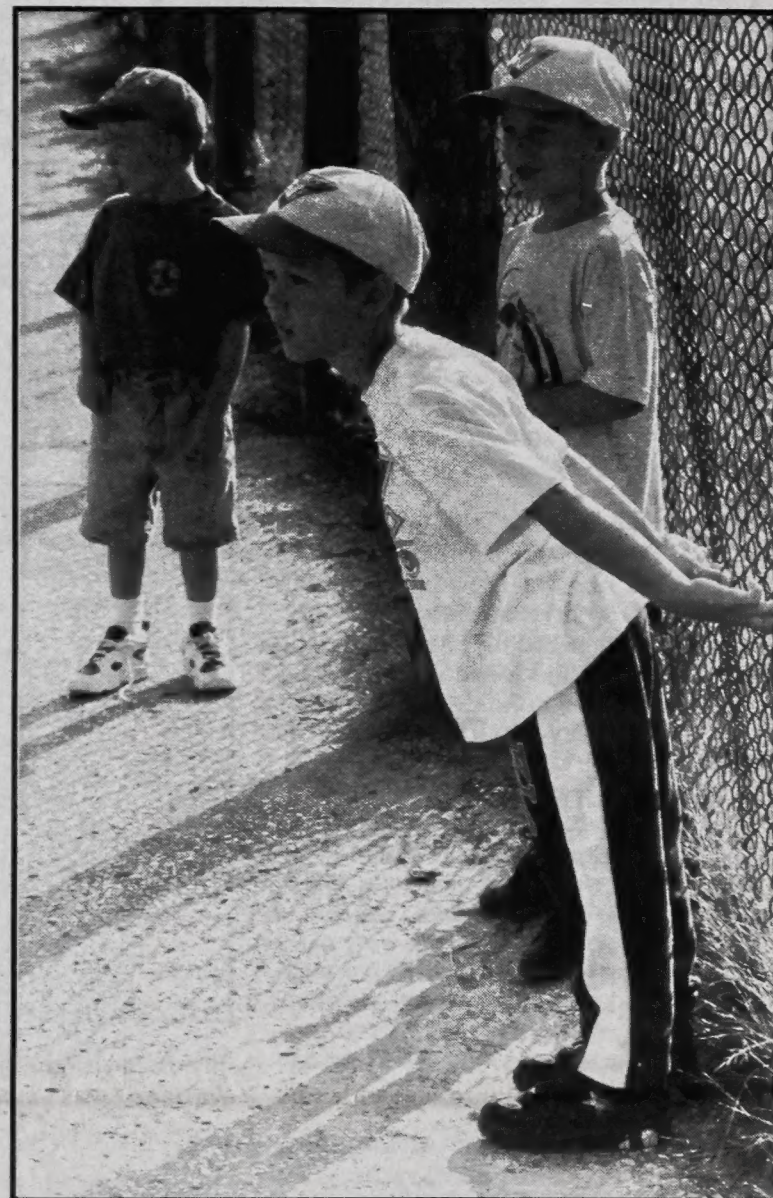
He says he would've accepted a cut in pay, as long as he could still cover his bus payments and make a living for himself.

He would've also been glad to raise money for the board by putting advertising on the side of

his bus.

Now he regrets the day he sunk so much money into the thing.

"That was my future," he says. "It was an investment in my future."



CHECKING IT OUT: Chase Thurston, Ryan Scheffee and Robert Bjelis stand aside and survey the scene at Victoria Street School on Tuesday.

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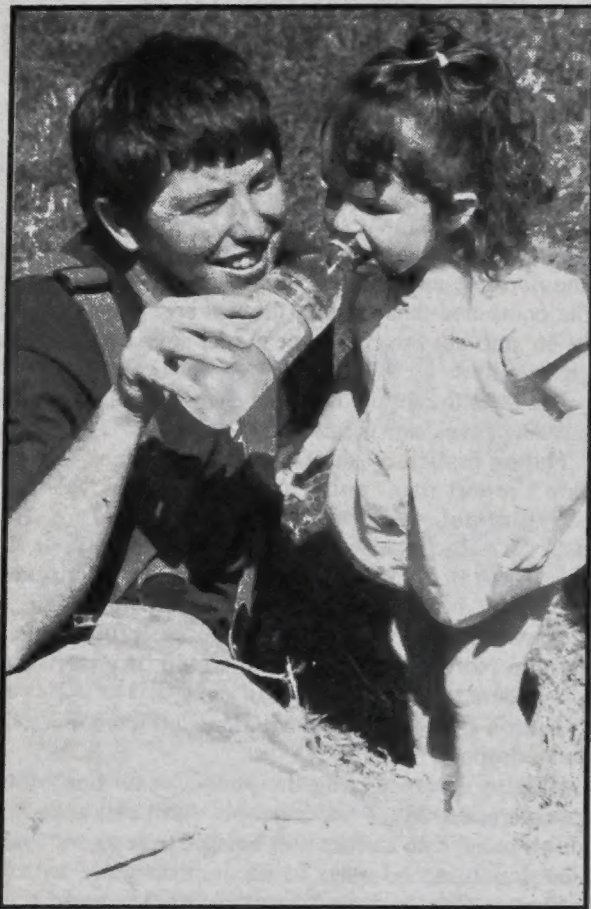
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During the recent firemen's games in Minden, Dysart et al firefighter Don Stephenson took time out to give his daughter Sarah a drink of water, left. Above, Christopher Muirhead of Gooderham was clearly enjoying himself

Minden's Lyle McKnight was "a class act as a politician," warden says

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

A former Haliburton County warden whose calm judgement earned the respect of his fellow county councillors passed away on August 25.

Lyle McKnight, who served as the head of county politics in 1984, was 67 years old when he died on August 25 at Peterborough Civic Hospital after suffering from heart failure.

"He was a class act as a politician," says current warden Murray Fearrey, who delivered the eulogy at the funeral service at Minden United Church on Thursday. "Lyle never jumped to conclusions. He took his time. He was a team player and thought beyond the boundaries of his municipality and thought about what's best for the county as a whole."

"He was a pleasure to work with."

In February of 1985, when he was serving as reeve of Anson, Hindon and Minden, McKnight suffered from a paralyzing stroke. The next month, Echo publisher Len Pizzey wrote an editorial which said "Lyle McKnight has long been a tireless worker for his municipality and for the county as a whole.... His quiet, diplomatic approach to municipal responsibilities has served the community well."

That August, McKnight was back at the

head of the council table, although he was not there long. Three months later, ratepayers voted in a new slate of council members and McKnight was defeated.

McKnight was born in Blairhampton, the son of Lawrence and Jenny. He went into the construction business with his father and in 1969, built Haliburton Marine with his brother Gary. The brothers ran that business in Haliburton (until 1984) while at the same time, Lyle McKnight bought the Shell station at the corner of Bobcaygeon Road and Hwy. 35 in Minden with his son Larry and brother Bradley.

He also owned and operated McKnight Haulage and Excavators.

"He liked the challenges and dealing with people," Gary McKnight says of his brother's business acumen. "He treated people fairly. I can't remember him saying a bad word about anybody."

Lyle McKnight leaves behind his wife Linda (Stevens), son Larry and his wife Cheryl of Minden; daughters Lu-Ann and her husband Steven Strauss of Salem, Oregon, and Laurie and her husband Brent Devolin of Port Sydney; seven grandchildren; and siblings Ruth, Lois, Vera, Gary and Bradley. He was predeceased by his brother Loyne and granddaughter Allana. Interment was at the Ingoldsby Cemetery.

HHSS teacher to stand trial on second set of sex charges

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

A provincial court has ruled that a Haliburton high school teacher will have to stand trial to face two charges of sexual assault involving a female teenager.

The age and identity of the complainant are protected under a publication ban.

A ban also covers the publication of any evidence given during Thursday afternoon's preliminary hearing in Lindsay.

The accused, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School history teacher Frank Wallace, 48, of Minden, was ordered to appear at a pre-trial hearing in connection with the allegations in Lindsay's general

division court on October 11.

A date for the trial will be set following the pre-trial.

At a previous preliminary hearing last April, the accused was ordered to stand trial to face five charges of sexual exploitation involving a second female teenager.

Both complainants' allegations will be dealt with at the same trial, said Minden OPP Const. Brian Sachs.

The accused has entered a plea of not guilty on all charges, said Const. Sachs.

Wallace was suspended by the Haliburton County Board of Education, with pay, pending the outcome of the charges following his arrest on April 3, 1995.

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OPP tries to iron out kinks of amalgamation

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been looking for — to get together and work together,” said Wilberforce volunteer John Goverde. “If we can eliminate the lack of communication, we’ve got it solved. Everyone’s anxious to help.”

However, Hutton also said volunteers would have to take an oath of secrecy. This in part was his way of chastising volunteers who have gone to the media with their concerns.

He also wondered why officers would be telling their concerns to the community police associations rather than their commanders. “If it’s a concern of officers, it’s a concern of ours. When committee members raise (the concerns), I don’t know why.”

Hutton said many of the perceived problems are as a

result of the restructuring process. The Coboconk and Minden detachments have recently been amalgamated and there has not yet been time to realize economies of scale, such as having one court officer and one communications officer instead of two.

He chastised officers who were complaining about the change from 10-hour shifts to 12-hour shifts to accommodate the new 24-hour coverage.

“If officers don’t want to work 24 hours a day, they shouldn’t have joined the OPP. Policing is a seven days a week job. (The shift to 24-hour coverage) is a change. That’s just the way the commissioner on down wants to deliver service.”

Later in the evening, one officer said it wasn’t the 12 hour shifts which were bothering officers. Rather, the detachment has had to provide more

hours of coverage with the same number of officers. As a result, “ platoons” are stretched thin if officers are ill or on holidays.

Hutton replied that according to a computer model, the Minden-Coboconk detachment is overstaffed and there shouldn’t be any complaints. Although 43 officers are in the combined detachment, the full complement is usually 46, and yet the computer model says only 38 officers are required.

But does the model consider the distance local officers have to travel, one officer asked.

Hutton replied by saying with many break-ins, people don’t report them until 20 minutes later, yet the first seven minutes are the most vital. Therefore, Hutton asked, “does it matter you have to travel an hour (to the site.) What does it matter? When you’re travelling you’re on duty” and providing a police presence.

As well, he said, if you bring distance into consideration, in Northern Ontario there would be a large number of officers for a few number of calls.

Hutton said calls to the Minden/Coboconk detachment have dropped by 15%.

“We’re not answering the phone,” said one officer in exasperation. Many times people don’t call because they don’t believe an officer will be able to respond, and officers have learned ways to accomplish more with fewer officers. “We’ve found ways to work around the system,” he said. As a result, “we’ve probably cut our own throat because it looks like we’re not doing as much.”

Hutton said “we do have more constables than ever before” and officers can be switched from detachment to detachment depending on where there is the most need.

“But where will it end?” asked an officer, who said every detachment is short handed. “Are replacements coming?”

Officers raised another problem about working in the Dorset and Wilberforce areas, where their communications systems don’t work properly. They can switch to another system, but first they have to know they’re out of range of their regular radios, and that is difficult. (It’s the same problem faced by cellular phone users.)

Meanwhile, one concern of the public has been partially addressed. Hutton said he did not know until recently that when people phoned the Minden office they got an answering machine. He had this switched immediately to call forwarding so that during office hours, if someone phones Minden, the call will be forwarded to Coboconk and a real person will answer.

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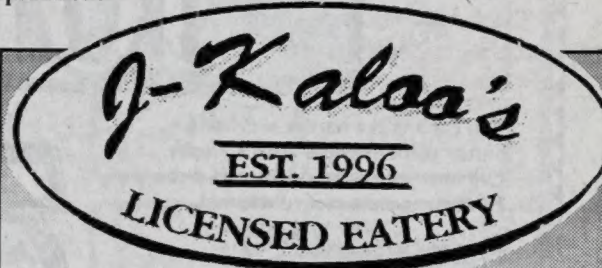
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integrating ambulance personnel, who presently wait at the Minden station a few blocks from the hospital.

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'Buckie' turns in his gun after 30 years as OPP officer

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

After a career lasting almost 30 years, Senior Constable Ron Buchanan has handed over his badge and gun and retired from the Minden detachment of the OPP.

In a simple ceremony at noon last Thursday, Buchanan handed the items to the newest member of the detachment, Probationary Constable Mike Bennett.

The ceremony, which also called for the men to recite some slightly altered lines from "Canterbury Tales" is a tradition for OPP officers at many detachments, including Minden.

In a demonstration of the affection held for Buchanan, Probationary Const. Bennett was not rostered to work on Thursday, but he came into the detachment office, in uniform, just for the ceremony.

He may have handed over his gun at noon, but Buchanan intended to finish work at 6:00 p.m., the time he was rostered to complete his shift.

Buchanan, who is known affectionately to most people as "Buckie", had a few good-byes he wanted to say during that last afternoon and he hoped to make one final patrol of the county.

During his last afternoon on the job, Buchanan also took the time to reflect on his police career.

Buchanan was transferred to Minden in 1969, having served for two years in Peterborough, where he began as a probationary constable.

As his father was in the army, Buchanan lived all over the world as a child, so Minden has become "home".

"I have two kids who were born and raised and finished school here," he says. "And I plan to live here forever - it's home."

Looking back on his police career, Buchanan says he has always adopted a "one day at a time" approach.

He says the last few years of his job have been particularly good, as he felt most capable of handling it and "seemed to know all the answers".

And there has also been the opportunity for more community-based policing.

Buchanan has visited schools to talk with children, helped seniors with home security and worked with a variety of community groups.

"I think this was my calling. I

should have started earlier," he says.

"In the last few years we have really gotten back to community policing and I've really enjoyed that."

During his 30 years with the OPP Buchanan has seen a great deal of change.

When he joined up, officers were only required to have a Grade 10 education, while most newcomers to the force today have university educations.

"It was more of a para-military style organization when I started, but today many rookies have degrees in criminology," Buchanan says. "And the physical criteria is very hard. They have to be up at 4 and 5 in the morning when they're in training."

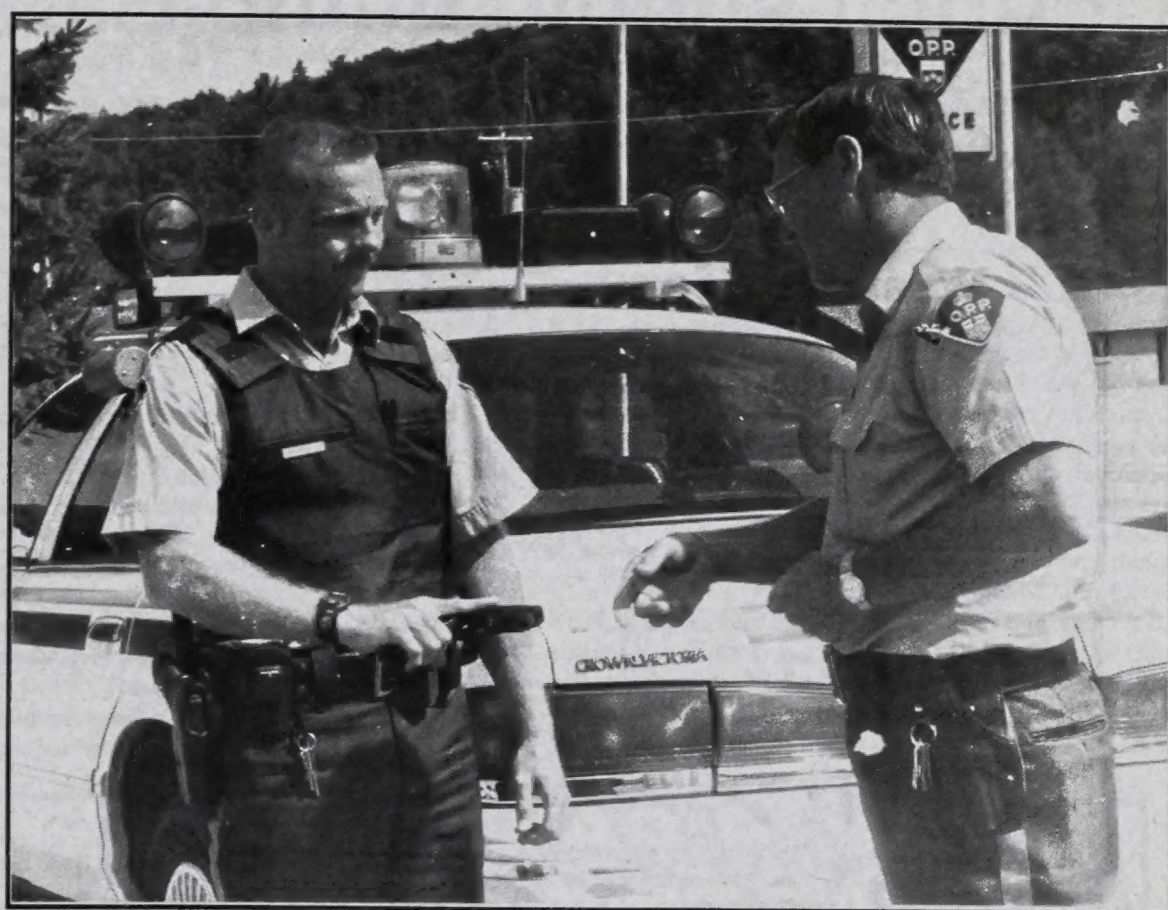
"I think it's a good thing for the new police force."

Buchanan admits to having to wrestle with computers, a difficulty new officers usually do not have to face as most of them are familiar with the electronic systems.

He has also seen many changes in policing at a county level.

When Buchanan arrived at the Minden detachment, there were about a dozen officers working there, based in a building where the country office now stands.

Sadly two officers were murdered the following year and the number of OPP officers sta-



RETIREMENT DAY: Senior Constable Ron "Buckie" Buchanan hands his gun and badge to the newest member of the Minden OPP detachment, Probationary Constable Mike Bennett, left.

tioned in Minden was reviewed and increased to 23.

Then came improvements like the new building on Highway 35 and resources such as boats and snowmobiles.

"Everything seemed to escalate then," says Buchanan, smiling as he remembers the arrival of four-door police cars to replace the two-door vehicles.

There were few female officers in the OPP when Buchanan joined up and none working at Minden. Minden has had two women officers, but none at the present time.

Buchanan rarely thinks back over his career but says when he does, he can recall many light-hearted moments on the job.

There have also been many bad moments, but Buchanan says he keeps these carefully blocked away in his mind.

"My job has housed me and my wife and put my kids through school - what more could a man want?"

"I've had the pleasure of working at a detachment which has always had high morale. We've

have come in the last few years.

"Dealing with the kids and helping seniors - I have really enjoyed it. I don't think I've left one of these places without having a laugh."

"I really am going to miss that."

Buchanan plans to continue his "one day at a time" approach in his retirement.

He plans to spend more time with wife Denise, catch up on chores around the house and enjoy the company of family and friends.

And there will, of course, be the odd moment of fishing.

For years, Buchanan has missed out on special events because of his commitment to his job. No longer will family and friends hear the words "I'm sorry, but I'm working" when they invite Buchanan to a function.

"I've had the pleasure of working at a detachment which has always had high morale. We worked like a family as much as anything else."

-- Sr. Constable Ron Buchanan

worked like a family as much as anything else.

"I really can't think of a morale problem we couldn't get ironed out."

"These guys here have a sense of belonging - in the community as well as with the detachment."

Buchanan says some of his greatest joys from police work

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Council should dump Bark Lake rezoning over landfill site, says neighbouring reeve

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Glamorgan council should turn down a rezoning application from the new owners of Bark Lake because there is a landfill site on the property containing hazardous waste, says the reeve of a neighbouring municipality.

But one of the owners of the site, Peter Zuuring, says he has seen no evidence that hazardous waste was dumped at the property.

He told Glamorgan councillors at a public meeting Wednesday night that Snowdon reeve George Simmons, a former employee at Bark Lake, is "on a mission" to see that his reincarnation plans for the property fall through.

Simmons, the former maintenance supervisor at Bark Lake when it was owned by the province, said asbestos tiles from one of the buildings and PCBs were dumped in the landfill.

"You can't rezone a C-3 (residential commercial proper-

ty) and have a hazardous waste site right in the middle of it," he maintained.

In late May, Glamorgan councillors granted Zuuring approval in principle to rezone the crown land.

When asked by Reeve Elva Bates if he could produce evidence of the hazardous waste, Simmons said, "Oh, yes."

He said a study was conducted last July that showed the waste exists.

However, Simmons, who left the meeting immediately after giving his presentation, said he had no evidence with him to prove his claim.

Zuuring said he "believes work was done" to find evidence of hazardous waste, but "nothing was found."

"For (Simmons) to raise this issue at this time seems a bit strange," he said. "He was an employee there for many years and never said anything before."

He later said Simmons had tried a number of methods to interfere with his plans at Bark Lake or see that they fall

through.

"He's tried to buy the mineral rights to the lake and start a mine up," Zuuring said. "... George is on a mission."

"Yes he is," agreed Bates. "All we can do as far as I'm concerned is proceed and if George takes it to the OMB (Ontario Municipal Board) we'll have to deal with it then."

Simmons also objected to council enabling Bark Lake's owners to build staff residences under the proposed zoning by-law.

"You could have 60 permanent people on the payroll which means there could be 60 family residences on the lake," he said.

But Zuuring said he would be willing to have the provision for new staff quarters removed from the zoning by-law.

At a later date when he requires the housing he said he would be willing to approach council for an application of subdivision to build the residences.

Zuuring said he foresees requiring a maximum of between 50 and 60 units, which he would locate on a parcel of land that fronts on the road into the camp.

Simmons also asked council to ensure the public's access to Bark Lake by building a public dock, boat launch and a road to the lake over an easement on crown land.

But Reeve Bates said the municipality would find itself in trouble if it were to act on the idea.

"If you're going to do it on one lake, you're going to be asked to do it on every lake," she said.

Zuuring said staff at Bark Lake already allow members of the public access to the lake through the property, provided they fill out a waiver form at the administration office on their way in and sign out when they leave.

"We've had people come in and fish. We've had people come in and swim. We're not restricting access at this point," he said. "...If we had 100 people come out that wanted to use our beach, we might have something to say about it."

Because three members of council were absent from the meeting — Chuck Viner, Tom Vos and Jean Heathcote — council didn't have a quorum to make a decision on Bark Lake's rezoning application.

Council intends to make a decision on the issue at its September 11 meeting.

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Enforcement training cuts down on injuries

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The last time Roch Delorme was attacked on the job, it was a classic example of how most assaults play out against conservation officers with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The attack happened in an isolated location. It happened while he was checking to see if an angler had the proper licence. And the situation quickly turned volatile.

Fortunately, the conservation officer from Maple was able to protect himself and was uninjured.

He was also able to make an arrest.

Last week Delorme and three other instructors were at the Frost Centre teaching a group of 26 conservation officers how to use force effectively in the field.

"We have a fairly high number of assault occurrences on conservation officers in this province," noted Jim Fry, an

enforcement training specialist at the Frost Centre who began organizing the use of force program about a decade ago. "... Usually the conservation officers are able to use their verbal skills to get out of most situations, but in that one per cent of the cases, this kind of training is needed."

Conservation officers, who have to requalify every year in the use of force course, were taught how to use batons against attackers, defend themselves against knife and gun attacks and gain control of their attackers using other enforcement techniques.

Delorme said the majority of all attacks on conservation officers happen during one of their routine duties — fishing licence checks.

Earlier this year near Keswick he stopped to ask an angler if he had a licence. Initially, everything seemed to be going well. Then in an instant the situation turned dangerous.

"Basically, the guy just tried

to punch me out," said Delorme. "... He was the nicest guy at first and then he just lost it."

Fry also recounts facing a very serious attack over a minor infraction.

"One of the most dangerous occurrences I remember was when I approached a guy who had too many (fishing) lines in the water," he said. "The guy was very emotionally unstable and he just went nuts."

Both Delorme and Fry were able to use their enforcement techniques to overpower their attackers and arrest them — it also doesn't hurt that both have backgrounds in the martial arts.

Endurance is one of the keys to gaining the upper hand in an attack, said Fry.

Conservation officers in the MNR's use of force course are taught to go all out, even though 30 seconds in an attack "may seem like hours."

"We push these guys real hard because if you get into a situation where you get tired and



ROUGH STUFF: MNR conservation officer Joey McCambridge (right) uses a baton on instructor Tom Wilson during an enforcement training course at the Frost Centre.

think, 'Okay, I can't take it anymore. I'm going to give up.' You can die," said Fry.

Since the enforcement train-

ing was initiated, the number of injuries sustained by conservation officers during assaults has declines, Fry said.

Bell streamlines Haliburton operations

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

Bell Canada's building on Highway 121 in Haliburton is

for sale.

A spokesperson for Bell, Barbara Schurman, said the company had a number of properties for sale around the

province.

The asking price for the property is \$203,000.

Schurman says the sale is part of a three-year plan for Bell to

consolidate its facilities and reduce its number of surplus buildings.

The overall program aims to reduce costs. There will be no effect on staff numbers in Haliburton, she said.

All of the Bell staff currently working out of the Hwy. 121 building will be relocated to Bell's central office building in Cedar Street, Haliburton.

The sale includes the buildings on the Hwy. 121 property and it is being handled by Royal City Realty.

The irregularly shaped lot has 87 feet of frontage on the highway and 111 feet of frontage on Industrial Park Road and is 350 feet in depth.

Roads quiet on holiday weekend, says OPP

The OPP has reported a quiet long weekend on country roads. There were no reports of serious road accidents or injuries over the Labour Day weekend, although traffic was heavy.

Vandalism

Sometime between dusk and dawn on August 28/29, a person or persons using a sling shot broke the large window in the south side of the Gooderham Community Centre. Police are investigating clues found at the site.

Sewer line construction begins

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

Work has begun on construction of the sewer line extension along the north shore of Lake Kashagawigamog.

Kashaga Drive Road was closed to through traffic last week and will remain that way for about six weeks to allow sewer and forcemain construction on the Haliburton/Kashagawigamog Sewage System Extension.

Work on the \$3.35-million project is being carried out by Peterborough-based firm, Balterre

Contracting Ltd, one of 10 companies which had originally vied for the project.

Now that work has begun, it will continue until winter and resume next spring. The completion date has been set for August 1997.

Another firm, J&P Levesque Bros. Haulage has already begun building the pumping stations which will feed waste along the sewer line.

This phase of construction will cost \$1.85-million, bringing the overall cost to \$5.2-million.

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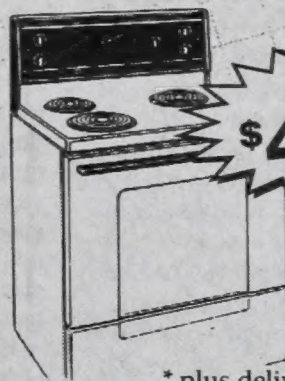
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Editorial

Working together

THE ECHO FOUND ITSELF in an awkward position last Tuesday night when it attended a meeting called by OPP Chief Superintendent Bill Hutton. Although there had been hopes the meeting was to announce the Coboconk-Minden OPP detachment office would be moved to Haliburton County, Hutton just said he wanted to bring together police support association volunteers, OPP officers and "the press" to make sure everyone was on the same wavelength. Rather than trying to solve problems through the media or by writing to Queen's Park, Hutton wanted to create an impression of everyone working together for the common good.

Unfortunately, the impression Hutton wanted to achieve was not the one *The Echo* received. We might be alone in this respect, but it felt like being called to the principal's office. Everyone was being given a very public scolding – police support associations for talking to the media, the media for printing their concerns and the officers for not making sure everyone knew life was perfect. At least a principal doesn't bawl you out in front of the rest of the school.

Although he tried to be conciliatory, his attitude came across as being adversarial. The meeting, he said, was a perfect opportunity to get all the players talking together, and yet when people tried to share concerns, Hutton shot them down.

Take, for instance, Hutton's response to the perceived shortage of police officers.

First he said that officers who complain about working 24 hours shouldn't be police officers, since policing is a 24-hour-a-day, seven day a week job. In other words, anyone who complains about the shift to 24-hour coverage is just lazy.

To prove his attitude wasn't personal, Hutton said a computer model showed Haliburton County had five more officers than the number of calls justified. Computers can't be wrong so people must be if they think there's a problem when only two officers are on duty in the entire county.

If there is a scheduling problem – too many officers in Haliburton and not enough in Coboconk or vice versa – then the staff sergeant is doing a pretty poor job of scheduling.

Finally, one of the officers spoke up. He said the officers didn't mind having to work 12-hour shifts to provide 24-hour coverage, it's just that the detachment wasn't given more officers to cover the extra demand. And did the computer model that Hutton kept referring to take into account the distances officers had to cover?

Hutton's response was curious. He said that the vital period for solving crimes was the first seven minutes after the crime had occurred. Most people, however, take 20 minutes notifying the police. So if a police officer is an hour's drive away, "what does it matter?" he asked rhetorically. In other words – they certainly weren't Hutton's – why rush because you've missed the critical time for solving the crime anyway? Very reassuring.

It's too bad Hutton took such an aggressive tone. Most officers do have a real loyalty to their jobs and need to know their loyalty is appreciated by both their superiors and the public. A few words of encouragement every once and a while don't hurt. And if you ask people to share their concerns with you, don't shoot them down without even a pause. Computers may not seem to complain as much, but the people out on the county's roads probably have a lot better sense of what the county's needs are than a computer.

And yet Hutton had some valid points. New technology will free up officers' time and we've yet to give that technology a chance to be implemented. There have to be "new and improved" ways to do things instead of saying "but this is way it's always been done." The old way wasn't the best way. There is opportunity for an expanded role of community police support associations, whose members are eager to help, and the public at large must take more responsibility for solving non-emergency problems. If we tie the police up with little problems, they won't have time to get to the big ones.

One positive step is the new call forwarding at the Minden office (although it's surprising Hutton said he just recently found out that for the past few months people phoning the Minden office reached an answering machine, which was always a bit disconcerting.) Calls to an empty Minden office will now automatically be forwarded to Coboconk, where the administrative offices are now centred. It's a little thing perhaps, but switching to call forwarding is a simple way of making people feel a lot better about police services in Haliburton County. At least a real person will answer the phone, and it is people who will have to work together to solve some of the other challenges.

M.P.



Taking a break at the Kinmount Fair

by Peter Downs

Letters to the Editor

Buses ran when parents chose rural homes

To the Editor:

I am distressed to see your editorial following the party line on parents who have "chosen" to live on country roads far from schools. It should not be compared to buying a home near an airport, then complaining about the planes.

If you lived on a paved county road where school bus service has been provided for many years, your children should know that you did not make some terrible judgment when you chose to live there. School bus service was an expected traditional service, accepted as a way of life all over North America for many generations.

The school administration has a serious problem, but they should not be dumping on parents who made a good and reasonable choice when they made it. The school administration has created enough stress by their choice of saving money in this manner.

Harvey M. Clarke,
Donald

Deadline looms for Internet grant

To the Editor:

A few weeks ago, I wrote a letter expressing the need to put together a proposal for Community Access Program, which would provide funds for improved public use of the internet.

It is definitely in the best interest of the county that we have a good internet access for several reasons.

1. Industries are now considering rural locations in areas where state of the art telecommunications are available. Rural lifestyle and high tech industries are a real possibility. However, the region would have to be seen as progressive and innovative. A cheap, high speed internet connection would be a real plus. We have a good local provider. More users and grant money could bring down the costs.

2. The internet is a two-way door to the world. We can travel out and the rest of the world can travel in to look at real estate, art galleries, businesses, lodges, restaurants, parks and recreation areas, and events such as the dog sled derby, kayak races, and mountain bike races which are world class events. The area has much to offer and we have to position ourselves as a world destination and start acting like one.

3. There is a wealth of information available on anything one could imagine. Ecolodges

in Costa Rica, job possibilities, business opportunities, women's issues, alternative medicine, eggplant recipes, ball bearing suppliers, free software, Canadian folk festivals, university distance education and solar panel technology are just samples of an almost endless list.

As an example, I have a friend who has been diagnosed with a disease known as Myalgic Encephalomyelitis for which he had little information. A request to a search program yielded a wealth of information and people willing to share their experience. This will prove useful as he works on his recovery getting support from people around the world.

4. The schools need good internet connections. Research, linking with other schools, teacher lesson plans, virtual frog dissection kits, NASA school projects are examples of what is online. The kids need to have the world at their fingertips. In a previous point, I indicated that industries might come here. This is more likely if our school system is seen as being enterprising and forward looking. Our education system is our investment in our children and our future.

Several people have contacted me expressing interest in applying for a CAP grant. The deadline for this year is October 31. I would like to see a meeting very

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Facing a new challenge

I'VE ALWAYS ENJOYED Ed's times off work. We really like doing projects together on the old hobby farm. Besides the canoeing, and hiking, after all these years, we still enjoy each other's company. This is what we have imagined retirement would be like. With maybe a few trips for pleasure.

Ed is off work now, but there's no projects or canoeing, and it's no holiday. It's called Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, or Fibro-myalgia, depending on whether we're talking to traditional or alternative medical people. We've been dealing with this nasty, nebulous syndrome since last December. But it was finally given names a little over a month ago. And we don't know much for sure.

There's a lot of information out there. Confusing, conflicting, differing symptoms and indefinite causes. It's a "which came first" - the depression, exhaustion, or the pain. And just when did it start, kind of illness. And the fear, frustration and anger it induces in the patient, plus everyone who loves him can become all-consuming.

There are no definite medical tests, nor is there any real traditional treatment, other than prolonged rest. Because it takes so long to define what it isn't, and conclude what it probably is, people work for months when they shouldn't. And, depending upon which of the many related syndromes one has, that fact could put you in bed for life.

My husband worked last winter when he had to virtually lift his legs, one at a time to get out of bed. When, no matter how many layers of clothes he put on, he couldn't get warm. When he had constant, painful muscle spasms, and his muscles completely atrophied in one month's time, they ran tests for all the awful neurological diseases, and nothing showed. Thank God! But what was it?

One incredibly insensitive person in Peterborough carelessly told him that he was just getting old. That was the first time I ever yelled at a 'doctor'.

Then there was a person at work who questioned whether Ed was 'really sick'. We have to forgive these people their ignorance, or we would be blown away by the hurt.

There are positive things happening. The system is starting to click in. Alternative treatments are helping. The kids are doing what they can to help out around the farm. We are learning to let go of what we can't do.

And Ed finally has time to do some serious reading.



Pic of the Past

With the passing of one of Haliburton's life-long residents, Viola "Vic" Bishop, this past week, we thought this Pic of the Past would be appropriate and of interest to the many people who remember her family, the Currys, and their contribution to this community over the years. From left to right: Ronald Curry, W.R.

Curry (father), Viola Curry, Jessie Curry (mother) and Ethel Curry, who is the remaining member of the family and resides in Extensicare-Haliburton. Our thanks to the family for providing this photo.

The summer's last hurrah

DOWN OUR
ROAD

Sharon Lynch

IT HAD BECOME A BIT of a tradition on the lake - the last big party of the summer. George and Marie had been taking part for years and now their children, grown up, would also be more than sleepy-eyed spectators. The years, like this summer, had sped by unbelievably quickly, leaving them all to scramble to fit as much fun into the time left as they possibly could.

The summer had received mixed reviews. Marie had liked the rain because most of it had fallen at night and her garden had benefitted greatly. George looked out the patio doors to see her snapping photos to bring back to the city for bragging purposes. On the other hand George had felt cheated this year. He said July had been wet and cold and while August had been pleasant, he was just starting to get used to real summer weather when it was over for another year.

They both agreed on one thing, however. This year's party was going to be a real barn burner, a chance to get together with family and neighbours and celebrate being together on the shores of their favourite place in the world.

It was their favourite because it offered the perfect combination of comfort without bother, of solitude without isolation, of beauty without cost. They loved the loons, the moonlight on water, the murmur of frogs, even the bears at the dump. They loved knowing that here, they could throw on their most raggedly old clothes and be themselves, whatever that meant, and no one would care because they were doing the same thing themselves.

A true dyed-in-the-wool cottager prided her or himself on the ability to keep things simple so as to be able to concentrate on the really important aspects of summer. These included such weighty questions as the best spot for bass or the number of raspberries a person could pick before eating one. Most of their fellow cottagers left complicated, competitive lives behind in the city, seeking a temporary refuge of slow-paced sanity amongst the pine and maple trees.

Now it was about to end for another year. Oh there would be weekends at the cottage and they would be wonderful, no doubt of that. But summer at the cottage, the misty pink mornings and sunning on the dock, those were gone. So what better way to say goodbye to these sights and feelings, storing them away into the album of memory, than to gather together like the tribe they truly were for one last hurrah.

Marie and George were bringing hamburgers and devilled eggs. George's mother had already started a pie and the kids, now married and busy with their own lives, would show up with steaks and salad. The two grandchildren, like the other youngest partyers, would stumble about nibbling on whatever

they could reach before falling asleep either on a lap or the chairs and loungers that would be scattered about the deck. The other children, the ones not yet married but well past the age of early sleep, would break off into their own group once they had eaten their fill. While they would be out of sight most of the time, congregating on the beach like schools of fish, they would surface from time to time to make sure they were not missing anything, especially more food.

The noise level would probably reach its peak about eleven o'clock, as people joined and separated from each other repeatedly, comparing tans,

boats and favourite moments from the past two months. Then the fire would be lit and gradually people would start to pull up chairs and stumps to sit by its light, their faces flushed, eyes sparkling. Then slowly, their expressions would turn more serious and each one would gaze reflectively into the burning embers, sad to think it was coming to an end for another year.

It was always at this time that George and Marie liked to gather their brood together and leave. They preferred to feel this sadness by themselves, sitting on their dock, listening to the loons.

Proposal needs support

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early in September to pull together a vision and start to deal with the practicalities of implementing the vision. There are examples of proposals to work from. The proposal needs to demonstrate community need, organization, infrastructure, partnership, and future development.

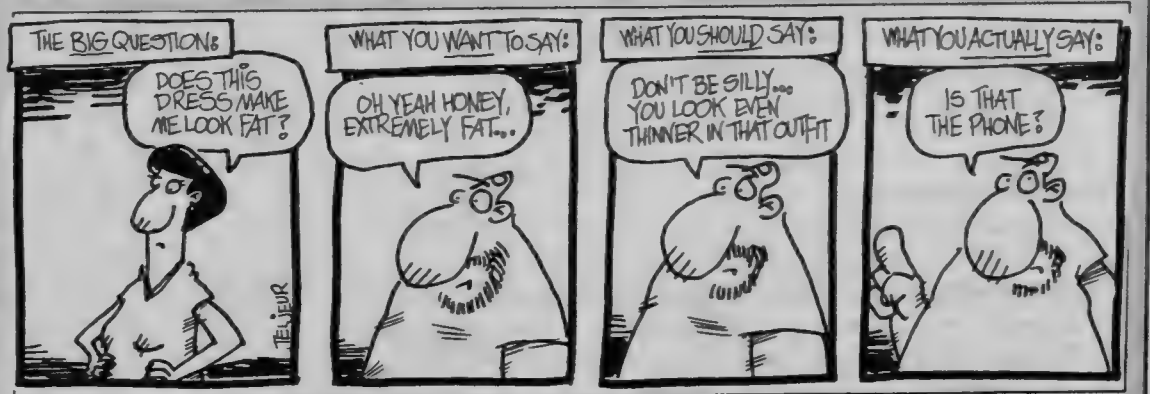
It must be submitted by a not-for-profit organization. If a single proposal can be forged with strong broadly based support it should stand a good chance. The benefits are many.

I can be contacted at 754-2255 or elilius@halhinet.on.ca.

Eric Lilius,
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Boonieville

by Charlie Telford



House exchange makes for great Highland holiday

by BEV SHANNON

A small group of great friends called, the Circle of Friends, meets weekly to play bridge in Toronto. We have pot lucks, pool parties, guest lectures and day outings to local sights of interest. Now we were ready for a grander idea - a house exchange!

We placed an ad in the Haliburton County Echo requesting a cottage (3 - 4 bedrooms) with a sandy beach in the Haliburton Highlands for one week in August. My luxury condominium in Toronto, with a pool, gardens, and a lovely river was available in exchange. Carl and Marie Wallace of Eagle Lake answered the ad. They invited Stan and I to view the property. We exchanged information on the details of running our respective houses and settled the exact date of the exchange.

On August 9, 1996, our group arrived and settled right in. Dan loved sailing the Lazer. Barbara, Patricia and Stan soon canoed up and down the glassy lake with increasing skill and confidence. Alex and Ben opted to mountain bike the hills over challenging terrain.

Would an exchange be complete without a trip to the local sights? We visited Sir Sam's Inn patio. Like teeny boppers, we played the juke box at Boomer's. We sang off-key versions of the 50's oldies

but goldies such as "Tan Shoes and Pink Shoe Laces." Did we leave without an ice cream? Not a chance!

Of course, we supported the local economy by buying the prerequisite number of souvenirs. We enjoyed the Pequegnat Costume Exhibit, The Rails' End Gallery and the Information Caboose.

Can I talk about the local produce? Wow! Patricia made rhubarb compote and eggplant lasagna. Ben and Alex tried to add ten pounds to our weight with Romanian borcht and a mountain of gorgonzola pasta. Dan sizzled local steaks on the barbeque while Barbara stir fried a medley of vegetables from the Eagle Lake Store.

But the lake drew us back home together like a magnet. We swam. We raked the beach. We chatted by the shore until the sun sank in a flush of red and amber.

Would we do a home exchange again? Yes, yes, yes! Seventy percent of your holiday money is spent in accommodation. The other thirty percent is transportation, food and incidentals.

We enjoyed Carl and Marie's home immensely! We treated their possessions with the absolute care and respect that we treat our own. Thank you to Carl and Marie and all the super folks up here in Haliburton for making our exchange a real holiday!



VACATION EXCHANGE: This group of friends from Toronto recently visited the Highlands through a house exchange with Carl and Marie Wallace of Eagle Lake.

Collector seeks scout, guide badges

To the Editor:

I am writing in the hope that I might be able to make a request of your readers for help with a project on which I am working.

I have been in the scout movement for more than 50 years and during the past 15 years I have been putting together a collection of Scout and Guide badges and memorabilia as a way of preserving the past. The collection that I have, is taken to camps and other events

during the year to be put up as a display. This gives my wife and I an opportunity to talk to boys and leaders about the past.

Unfortunately, I am discovering that many of the older district and proficiency badges are becoming difficult to find, and I have been told by some people that they have simply thrown them away.

Many of these older badges did not have the Scout or Guide name on them and often they were embroidered or printed on felt or ribbon. While many were put on uniforms, they were also collected on blankets or jackets.

I fear that much of our history will be lost unless it can be preserved, since I have found previously unrecorded badges.

My request is that if anyone has any Scout or Guide badges or memorabilia for which they have no further use, they would send them to me for my project. Any help would be appreciated.

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Haliburton couple returns from Senior Games in Richmond Hill with gold medals

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Jack and Willie Cox didn't go to Atlanta, but they did recently come home with two gold medals proudly draped around their necks.

The Lake Kashagawigamog couple competed in Actifest '96, the Ontario senior games held last week in Richmond Hill. They won the gold medals in the bridge competition, beating out teams from 38 other districts in Ontario.

It was the stiff competition they regularly face in Haliburton that honed their skills and prepared them for their success,

Mrs. Cox says — "and the fact my partner stayed cool."

Either deliberately or by accident, the people you're facing across a bridge table can rattle you, and keeping calm is a vital way of preventing mistakes, she says.

They also credit good luck with their cards and the hassle-free organization of the games. Everything was well-arranged for the participants, right down to the buses which took them to various events rather than having them face city traffic.

"It was so nice to see people my age and older get together and have a good time," she says. For the first time, the bowling



GOING FOR GOLD: After honing their skills against fierce competition in Haliburton, Jack and Willie Cox made it to the top round of bridge action at Actifest recently. They beat out bridge teams from 38 other districts to emerge as gold medal winners.

competition for the blind was incorporated as part of the game, instead of being held separately like the Para-Olympics.

The Coxes were representing the Muskoka-Haliburton District, which after local finals

in May and June, sent about 40 participants to Actifest, which is held every two years. The local participants wore vests made of the Highland tartan, which gave them a bit of flare and cohesiveness when all the competitors

were together.

Also doing well in the provincial finals were Gelert resident Eric Stearns and his partner Doreen Spiers of Fenelon Falls. They won a silver medal in darts.



THE CHAMPIONS: The Lochlin Brewers, sponsored by Northface Country Homes, Haliburton Lumber and Curry Motors, are the winners of the Northern County Softball Competition. Pictured, back from left, are Jeff Carpenter, Ron Both, Bill Little, Ed Davis, Mark Coutu, Kevin Finch, front, Lance Coutu, Roy Burk, Adam Carpenter and Mike Carpenter. The team also included Floyd Henry, Justin Rowden, Mark Thompson, Bill Mulholland, Scott Bacon, Jim Crawford, Dwaine Wruth and Craig Burk.

Women are taking to the outdoors

The Outdoors Women are back.

For September 13 to 15 the Leslie Frost Centre will once again host a weekend workshop on Becoming an Outdoors-Woman sponsored by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

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Canoe Trip Planning.

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For more information, please contact the Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters, P.O. Box 2800, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 8L5. Phone (705) 748-6324. Fax (705) 748-9577.

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100 mile race a "pure" form of marathon running

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

To "ultra" marathon runners, the 100 mile race is the "purest" competition.

The required training is similar to that for a triathlon, which combines running, cycling and swimming. But a 100 mile race is just straight running, mile after mile after mile. There's

nothing but a runner and a trail.

When Helen Malmberg first heard of 100 mile races, she thought it was a crazy idea. Who would want to run that far — almost four times the distance of the traditional 26-mile marathon, which is already gruelling enough? Why would you even want to? Then she tried one in Vermont and was enthralled, even though she could "only" complete 60 miles.

She now says 100 mile races are "a purer form of workout compared to a triathlon. It's harder than the Iron Man because you're carrying your weight the whole time. If you rest, the clock's still running."

This past weekend, Malmberg was at Haliburton Forest with 50 other ultra marathoners for the first 100 mile race in Canada after a lapse of several years. This time, however, she was the organizer, not a participant.

"Haliburton Forest is a special place for me because I have a trailer there and I'm an ultra marathoner," says Malmberg, who recently celebrated her 50th birthday by inviting friends to join her on a 50 mile run. (The friends didn't have to run the entire 50 miles, but she did.)

Although it would be possible to have a 100 mile route through Haliburton Forest, not all of the trails are conducive for running, so competitors doubled back twice on one of the main trails.

Half the participants did the 100 mile race while the other half completed either 50 kilometres or 50 miles.

Even though Malmberg says ultra marathons are a tremendous way to be able to see the country, she admits most competitors had to keep their heads down to watch that they didn't trip over anything. Of course, there were no lights on the trail, so after sunset they were running in the dark with only a flashlight to guide them.

Participants had a maximum of 30 hours to complete the race and it was up to them if they stopped for a rest or a sleep. Food was available every five miles at the aid stations and every 25 miles, participants had to be weighed to make sure they hadn't lost more than 7% of their body weight during that leg of the race. If they had, they were instantly disqualified as a way of reminding runners that they had to take long enough breaks to eat and drink.

One of the challenges Malmberg faced was finding enough friends to man the aid stations. Since it could be a really long wait out in the middle of a lonely forest, she encouraged friends to use the time to do a little training of their own since most are marathon runners or triathletes.

"It's not all of my friends' desire to spend 30 hours out on the trails," she says.

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Heart and Stroke Foundation is the real winner of PineStone golf tournament

Although many golfers won big prizes in last weekend's first annual PineStone Charity Golf Classic, the Haliburton County chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation was the real winner.

A cheque for \$4,000 was presented to the local chapter last week after the final proceeds were calculated.

Almost 100 golfers took part in the one-day event on the PineStone's 18-hole course.

The following is a list of the golfers who have something to celebrate.

Top Score: Dale MacNair, Randy Ward, John Bragg and Brad Vaughan.

Top Score Mixed: Roman, Jaworowicz, Laurie Jaworowicz, Bruce Gowdy and Doug Gowdy.

Special prize winners:

Ken Rosenberg was closest to the pin on Hole 3 to win a Ram golf bag donated by Molson Ontario Breweries.

Laurie Jaworowicz recorded the ladies' longest drive on Hole 6 to win an Akleo watch,

donated by Molson Ontario Breweries.

Phil Smith was closest to the pin on Hole 7 to win a 1997 golf membership, donated by the PineStone Resort.

Don Collins was closest to the pin on Hole 11 to win a weekend golf getaway package donated by the PineStone Resort.

Dennis Hallabeck recorded the men's longest drive on hole 15 to win a One Iron donated by Guinness and a plaque.

Paul Gibbens was closest to the pin on Hole 17 to win a set of golf clubs donated by the PineStone Resort.

Steve McCracken won the putting contest on Hole 17 to win a Nichlaus Bear Putter and a plaque.

A set of golf clubs up for grabs for a hole in one on Hole 3, a trip to Scotland for a hole in one on hole 7, a cruise for two for a hole in one on Hole 11 and a 1997 Neon sport car for a hole in one on Hole 17, all donated by Elstone Motors, went unclaimed.



A HEALTHY BOOST: Lloyd Griffiths (second from left) of the Haliburton Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation accepts a cheque for \$4,076 from Denise Meeks, who organized last weekend's Charity Golf Classic at the PineStone Resort, as the PineStone's Andy Frappier, right, and Doug Kirkham look on.

Health Unit offering mouthguard clinic at high school on Thursday

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (Health Unit) is helping to reduce the risk of painful dental injuries by promoting the use of personal mouthguards.

To encourage mouthguard use, the Dental Department of the Health Unit is holding a mouthguard clinic to provide fitted mouthguard fittings can also be arranged by contacting your

local Health Unit office. The clinic at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is Thursday, September 5 at 9:30 a.m.

"Anyone who is active in a sport that could involve a blow to the mouth should be wearing a protective mouthguard," commented Kay Nicholas, Dental Supervisor. "Custom-made mouthguards help prevent cost-

ly, painful dental injuries."

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Pledge sheets for the Terry Fox Run on Sunday, Sept. 22 are available throughout the county. The Haliburton event takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting from the town dock. The Minden event starts between 8 a.m. and 10 from the community centre. Proceeds from the annual event are for cancer research

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Wen-do gives women the skills - and the confidence - to fight back

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It used to be that women were advised to be passive if they were being attacked. The argument was that if a woman fought back, she'd stand more risk of further harm.

Today, a program devised for women takes a totally different approach. Wen-do Women's Self Defence Corporation teaches women how to fight off an assailant, both physically and verbally.

Later this month, a weekend workshop is being held in Haliburton to help women learn how to protect themselves.

"It raises self-confidence as much as learning techniques for self-defense," says Claire Sylvan, who took the beginner's course in Haliburton last year as well as several intermediate courses in Toronto over the winter. Because of the benefits she's gained, she's organizing the local workshop on September 28 and 29.

Wen is the Japanese word for woman and do means way, so Wen-Do is woman's way. The program was first developed by a couple who were horrified at news reports of people standing by "helplessly" while a woman was beaten and

killed in New York City. People said they didn't want to intervene for fear of being attacked themselves. The family, some of whom held black belts in karate, borrowed from various martial arts to come up with a way women could fight off attackers who were stronger than they were. By the end of the workshop, many women can hold up a wooden board that they've broken in half.

But Wen-Do is more than a martial art. Sylvan says it also stresses how to avoid potentially dangerous situations and also how to fight back with words. By being verbally tough, women are no longer as attractive as victims.

A study in the United States shows that of women who did not resist an attack, 6.5% were not raped and 93.5% were. Using either physical or verbal resistance, about half the women avoided being raped. Likewise, 45% of the women who tried to escape were successful.

"The big thing for me is the sense of self-confidence," Sylvan says. "With wisdom I can go wherever I want to go and have the means to be safe. That doesn't mean I take risks, though."

Her daughters have also taken the course and feel better for it.

Sylvan says that one of the things

that keeps her coming back to the course is the success stories which are told. One woman was accosted by a group of young boys. She put on her "mother's act", wagging her finger at them, saying didn't they go to school with her son (she didn't have one.) The boys left her alone. In a different incident, a woman said she couldn't be detained because her daughter was waiting for her.

"Surprise is a big factor," says Sylvan, who says studies show that women who beg and plead are often victims of further assault, while women who try to take charge can often prevent an assault. She has a newspaper clipping about two men who tried to drag a young girl into a car. When the girl resisted, one of the men said "Forget about her, let's go."

Sylvan wishes Wen-Do was taught in local schools. The workshop she's offering is available to any girl or woman older than 12. The cost is \$60 for the entire course and a \$20 deposit is required for registration. Some financial assistance is available on request thanks to local sponsors. People are encouraged to register early because the course has been fully booked in the past. The location has yet to be finalized but it will be in Haliburton village.

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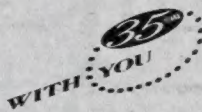
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For Sale:

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

A mediocre response to a land tender held by the Municipality of Dysart et al has been attributed in part to a current downturn in interest in rural properties.

The municipality offered 22 properties for sale by public tender in an attempt to recoup outstanding taxes.

The tenders were opened publicly at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, with bids having closed at noon.

Of the 22 properties, bids were received on only seven, and all but one had only one offer made on them.

The municipality received six bids on a property in Guilford. These bids ranged from \$3,493 to the highest amount of \$7,883.37, which was the successful bid. The property had a

minimum tender amount set by the township of \$3,392.58.

Bids received on the remaining properties ranged from \$1,885 to \$4,500.

Only three members of the public attended the tender opening, which was conducted by Dysart clerk-administrator, Donna McCallum.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey believes the mediocre response was partially due to the

properties themselves not attracting wide interest and also due to the downturn in interest in rural properties because of the recession.

"Rural properties currently are not as valuable as they used to be," Fearrey said.

"The properties will now revert to the municipality, which will sell them at some future point when the market improves."

Chimo to stay open until Christmas, maybe longer

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Chimo Youth Services has decided against breaking a contract with Haliburton's school board and will put off closing its residential school near Kinmount until the end of December.

And there is a possibility the facility may be kept open even longer.

"We are looking at ways to continue the program there in some form," said Chimo's executive director, Bill Morton.

During the final week of June, Chimo informed Haliburton's school board, which provides two full-time teachers to the school, that it would be closing down the facility in mid-July and relocating the 14 students there to another Chimo school at Port Bolster on Lake Simcoe.

The sudden announcement took Haliburton school board officials by surprise.

Not only was the board left wondering where in the system to find jobs for the two teachers from Chimo, but also how to cover their salaries.

While working at Chimo the teachers' wages are paid fully by the Ministry of Education. But other teachers who work for the board are paid by the board, which raises the majority of its money through locally levied taxes.

"It meant a considerable financial burden for our board to have to assume those salaries on very short notice," said superintendent of education Dale Robinson.

But the board has been spared a portion of that cost and been given more time to find jobs for the two teachers.

Chimo decided to reconsider its closure date after board officials pointed out it would be breaking its contract by shutting down the school without giving six months' notice, said Robinson.

The school will operate until the end of December with just one teacher, one Chimo staff member and eight students.

One of the board's teachers at Chimo has taken a year's leave of absence.

Morton said Chimo will consider keeping the school open after December if it can reach a suitable arrangement with the Haliburton school board and the Ministry of Community and Social Services, which funds the school.

"The program is continuing until the end of December. Whether it goes beyond that is negotiable," he said.

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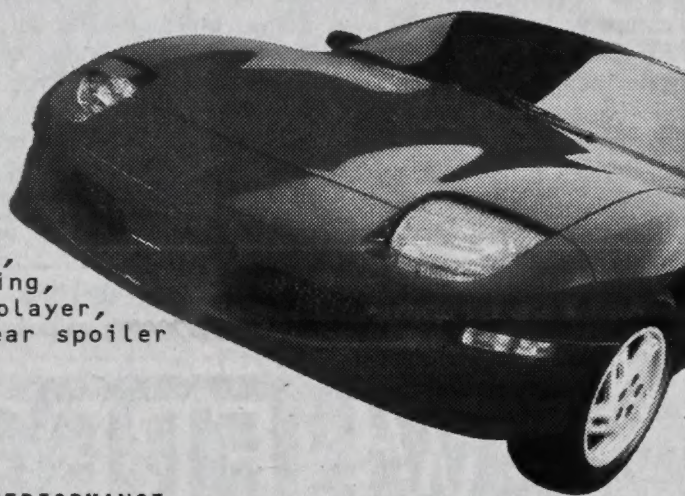
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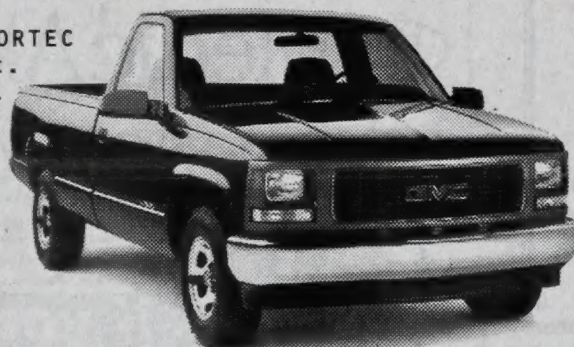
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The interesting life of the unassuming beaver

Story and Photo
by ARCHIE BRIGGS

The unassuming beaver which is sometimes seen swimming in a pond or river in the Haliburton Highlands often does not appear to be very exciting when viewed in the overall scale of Highlands activities. They go about their business without paying any attention to anyone or anything, usually in the late evening or through the night without attracting much attention. But are they really so bland when you delve into their life and learn who they really are?

Beavers are native only to North America. They mate for life, raising families of four or five kits which stay with the parents for two years. These kits can swim as soon as they are born, but will hitch a ride on mother's tail or back if tired. To keep from becoming waterlogged, they waterproof their fur by applying oily castorium from the scent glands regularly. When a beaver submerges, sometimes up to 15 minutes at a time, valves close the ears and nose and a skin flap seals the mouth leaving only the incisor teeth exposed for working. When swimming, a clear membrane covers the eyes and protects against debris in the water.

With all of these adaptive features, beavers are well



equipped to do their life's work of building dams to form ponds, then a lodge to live in. This lodge can be what appears to be just a pile of sticks and mud from 15 to 40' across, complete with an underwater tunnel 15 to 40' long as an entrance. The floor of the lodge is above the water level which is regulated by their dam. There is a vent built into the lodge to admit fresh air, and wood chips are used on the platform to absorb moisture. When one considers that all of this building materials have to be gathered and transported and put in place in the beaver's mouth, this is truly a staggering feat.

It is in the placement and construction of their dams that the beaver shows his truly amazing instinctive engineering skills.

The next time you see a beaver going nonchalantly about his day, take a little time and observe what he is really doing. If you are lucky you may observe a truly unique engineer applying the skills of his trade.

This is the last of the Nature in Focus series. The Echo thanks Mr. Briggs for providing the articles and photographs.

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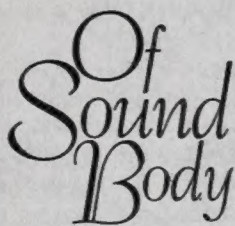
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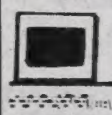
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Every week, Lloyd Blair has been cutting out the Pic of the Past and pasting them in his albums. The Extencicare resident knows most of the people in the pictures and can tell you stories that could fill the entire newspaper

A Glimpse of the Past...

Lloyd Blair has a lifetime of memories of Haliburton

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

SEATED AT A TABLE, Lloyd Blair pores over a handful of the hundreds of newspaper clippings and old photographs he has collected during a lifetime spent in Haliburton County.

Born in 1920, Blair lived on the family farm before a relatively recent move into Extencicare.

As he opens a photo album and begins explaining what is represented in each image, it becomes obvious Blair has an amazing memory of how the county has developed and changed in his lifetime.

Blair grew up, with a sister and brother, Eva and Lee, on the family farm in Blairhampton, halfway between Haliburton and Minden. His father Henry was a lumberman and a farmer.

Blair can remember the blackflies being so bad one June that his father brought his 25 woodcutters out of the woods and put them to work helping to rebuild the barn.

As he turns to another page in his photo album, Blair finds a photo of his mother Emily, holding the reins of two horses. That prompts Blair to recall the time brother Lee, then a teenager, was dragged by a horse team under a rake.

In turn, this reminds Blair of his mother caring for 43 head of cattle in the farm barn while his father operated a threshing machine, moving around the county as the work required.

Another turn of the page, and another memory surfaces. Blair remembers how he and his brother would walk through the woods to the logging camp to visit their father and get huge pieces of pie from the camp's cook.

"He could really cook - it was worth the walk to get that pie," he says.

Blair can recall much about Haliburton County's logging industry, particularly the devastation wreaked by fire. He remembers at least three major fires at mills, two at the same business.

Another turn of the page. This time Blair looks at an old photo of a group of children playing. He is reminded of a close childhood friend who had come from a large family.

"Their father wouldn't let them play, they had to

work. And if they didn't work, he had a big stick," he says, head shaking as he contemplates the life of his childhood friend.

Then suddenly his face is wreathed in smiles. "But when he was an adult, he did lots of the things he wanted to. That's when he started to play."

Another photo appears, this time a clipping from The Echo showing the Pic of the Past, with the first plane to land on Lake Kashagawigamog featured.

This reminds Blair of his first encounter with an aircraft. He was five years old when that first plane landed on Lake Kashagawigamog and has vague memories of the event.

What is vivid in his mind is an event some short time later. The young Lloyd was playing at home under a plum tree when a plane flew over his head, between the Blair family's house and barn.

"The plane was so low it hit the top of the plum tree - I've never been so scared in my whole life."

Blair has seen Haliburton grow from a tiny village filled with "little tar paper shacks" and no electricity to a thriving community.

He recalls the then Governor-General, Lord Willington, visiting Haliburton in 1930.

"We all went down to the train station to see him. I can remember they had a row of old cars."

Another turn of the page changes the direction of Blair's thoughts. Another clipping from The Echo's Pic of the Past shows Ethel Curry as a young child standing in a Haliburton street.

It turns out this picture is particularly special to Blair because when he began school at the age of seven, Ethel Curry was the teacher.

As he opens other albums, Blair says his love of history and keeping old photographs and newspaper clippings came from his mother. He says it is an interest she had until her death and something he has continued to enjoy.

But what makes Blair's hobby so fascinating is that not only does he keep clippings from the past, but he has kept memories. Events and people are almost as clear in his mind today as they have ever been.

Having spend a lifetime in Haliburton County gives him an real insight into how the area became what it is today.

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- September 8 - Friends of the Osprey** Kawartha Lakes, 1:00 p.m. in the Recreation Hall at Alpine RV Park, just north of Lindsay (via Kenrei Road east of Kenrei Conservation Area). Call 705-738-6271 or 705-324-6447 (Alpine). This will be an important meeting. Please bring all your Osprey nesting info.
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